

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 to 10. (Canceled).

11. (New) A supporting frame for a utility vehicle, comprising:

a front part;

a center part; and

a rear part;

wherein the center part is arranged in a latticework construction with at least two top chords and at least two bottom chords and forms a box-shaped cross-section as viewed in a longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle, the front part and the rear part arranged in a ladder-frame construction with a right-hand longitudinal member segment and a left-hand longitudinal member segment, the longitudinal member segments having a U-shaped cross-section as viewed in the longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle.

12. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 11, wherein the utility vehicle includes a tractor unit.

13. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 11, wherein legs of the longitudinal member segments, with a U-shaped cross-section of the front and the rear part, in each case extend in a direction of an opposite longitudinal member segment, the top chords arranged at longitudinal edges of the center part have an L-shaped cross-section as viewed in the longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle.

14. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 13, wherein a first leg of the top chords of L-shaped cross-section extends parallel to a base of a respectively associated longitudinal member segment of the front part or rear part, and a second leg of the top chords extends outwardly from a base of a respectively associated longitudinal member segment in an opposite direction to the legs of the longitudinal member segments.

15. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 11, wherein the bottom chords arranged at longitudinal edges of the center part have an L-shaped cross-section as viewed in the longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle.

16. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 15, wherein a first leg of the bottom chords of L-shaped cross-section extends parallel to a base of a respectively associated longitudinal member segment of the front part or rear part, and a second leg of the bottom chords extends outwardly from the base of the respectively associated longitudinal member segment in an opposite direction to the legs of the longitudinal member segments.

17. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 11, further comprising a substantially triangular thrust plate adapted to connect the top chord, the bottom chord and a respectively associated longitudinal member segment of a side.

18. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 11, further comprising at least one thrust plate adapted to connect at least one of (a) top chords of a first side, (b) bottom chords of the first side, (c) top chords of a second side opposite the first side and (d) bottom chords of the second side.

19. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 11, further comprising a portal member having a U-shape as view in the longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle and open downwardly, the bottom chords, at least in a region of a rear end of the center part, connected to one another by the portal member.

20. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 19, wherein the portal member, in a top region opposite the bottom chords, is connected to a cross member of one of (a) the front part and (b) the rear part.

21. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 11, further comprising a chassis fastener for a rear axle arranged in a region of a rear end of the bottom chords of the center part.

22. (New) The supporting frame according to claim 11, further comprising a chassis fastener for a rear axle arranged in a region of a rear end of the bottom chords of the center part, the chassis fastener including a stabilizer mount.

23. (New) A supporting frame for a utility vehicle, comprising:
front part means;
center part means; and
rear part means;

wherein the center part means is arranged in a latticework construction with at least two top chord means and at least two bottom chord means and forms a box-shaped cross-section as viewed in a longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle, the front part means and the rear part means arranged in a ladder-frame construction with right-hand longitudinal member segment means and left-hand longitudinal member segment means, the longitudinal member segment means having a U-shaped cross-section as viewed in the longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle.

24. (New) A utility vehicle, comprising:
a supporting frame including:

a front part;
a center part; and
a rear part;

wherein the center part is arranged in a latticework construction with at least two top chords and at least two bottom chords and forms a box-shaped cross-section as viewed in a longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle, the front part and the rear part arranged in a ladder-frame construction with a right-hand longitudinal member segment and a left-hand longitudinal member segment, the longitudinal member segments having a U-shaped cross-section as viewed in the longitudinal direction of the utility vehicle.